

REPORT—CITIZENS GUIDE USING FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT TO REQUEST GOVERNMENT RECORDS; FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability approved for full Committee action a report entitled “A Citizens Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records.”

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled “The Evolution of Federal Financial Management—A Review of the Need to Consolidate, Simplify, and Streamline.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BORDER SECURITY/BIOMETRIC PASSPORTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure, Protection, and Cybersecurity held a hearing entitled “Ensuring the Security of America’s Borders through the Use of Biometric Passports and Other Identity Documents.” Testimony was heard from Elaine Dezenski, Acting Assistant Secretary, Directorate for Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security; Frank Moss, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Consular Affairs, Department of State; Martin Herman, Information Access Division Chief, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Gregory Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

SUDAN

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Sudan: Consolidating Peace While Confronting Genocide. Testimony was heard from Robert B. Zoellick, Deputy Secretary, Department of State.

E.U. CONSTITUTION AND U.S.-E.U. RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats held a hearing on The EU Constitution and U.S.-EU Relations: The Recent Referenda in France and the Netherlands and the U.S.-EU Summit. Testimony was heard from John Bruton, Head, Delegation of the European Commission; Arlette Conzemius, Ambassador of Luxembourg.

WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing entitled “Environmental Regulations and Water Supply Reliability.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS, FY 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3010, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the *Congressional Record*. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Regula.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2864, Water Resources Development Act of 2005.

OVERSIGHT—AIRLINE PENSIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Airline Pensions: Avoiding Further Collapse. Testimony was heard from Jayetta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and Bradley D. Belt, Executive Order, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and H.R. 2985, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States military strategy and operations in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing to examine Iraqi security forces, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending Calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine United States-China economic relations, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine issues relative to developing an HIV/AIDS vaccine, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to meet to discuss the Family Medical Leave Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold oversight hearings to examine disparities in federal HIV/AIDS CARE programs, focusing on the effectiveness of CARE Act funding allocations in ensuring that all Americans living with HIV are provided access to core medical services and life-saving AIDS medications, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of James B. Letten, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and Rod J. Rosenstein, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, both of the Department of Justice, S. 1088, to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, S. 155, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. 751, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing personal information, to disclose any unauthorized acquisition of such information, and committee rules of procedure for the 109th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights: to hold hearings to examine the consequences of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine pending veterans benefits related legislation, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Progress of the Iraqi Security Forces, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing en-

titled "Reauthorization of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Banking on Retirement Security: A Guaranteed Rate of Return," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology and the Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, joint hearing entitled "The National Training Program: Is Anti-Terrorism Training for First Responders Efficient and Effective," 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on Implementing the 1998 Torture Victims Relief Act, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 2017, Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2005; and H. Con. Res. 168, Condemning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the abductions and continue captivity of citizens of the Republic of Korea and Japan as acts of terrorism and gross violations, 5 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, to mark up the following: H.R. 184, Controlled Substances Export Reform Act of 2005; H.R. 869, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patent limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices; and the United States Parole Commission Extension and Sentencing Commission Authority Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled "The Vast North American Resource Potential of Oil Shale, Oil Sands, and Heavy Oils," Part 1, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 518, Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act of 2005; and H.R. 2693, Great Ape Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, June 23, to mark up H.R. 1220, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2005, 9:30 a.m., followed by an oversight hearing to examine the budget modeling and methodologies used by the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop and forecast veterans' health care cost and utilization projections for future years, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing to review the Tax Deduction for Facade Easements, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, Briefing on Global Updates, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.